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NEW CROP VARIETIES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any steps have been taken/proposed to be taken to develop new crop varieties, particularly of food crops, with higher nutritional value through adolption of bio technology;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN)

(a) & (b) : Yes, Sir. Developing new crop varieties with better nutritional value using biotechnological tools is a priority research area. Paddy varieties rich in vitamin A and iron, maize varieties with better quality protein, wheat varieties suitable for value added products and chickpea varieties with high nutritional quality are being improved through application of biotechnology.

(c) Question does not arise.